

# Delaware State Police Arrest Newark Man for a Hate Crime-Newark

**Newark-** Delaware State Police have charged 57-year-old **Gary Sweetman** of Newark, DE with a hate crime and related charges after yelling racial slurs at two acquaintances.

The incident occurred on August 5, 2021, at approximately 4:19 p.m., when troopers responded to the 800 block of New London Road, Newark, DE, in reference to a disorderly subject. The investigation determined Sweetman yelled racial slurs and obscenities at a male and female victim who were in the front yard of their residence. Sweetman was charged with harassment after a similar incident the day prior.

Sweetman was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 6 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Hate Crime (Felony) – 2 counts
- Harassment – 2 counts

Sweetman was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on \$3,000 unsecured bond.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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